

**DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

B. ROLL CALL: President Keough

J. Carson	P. Cousins
D. Fisher (arr at 7:32 PM)	J. Knight
J. Semifero	R. Tell

Also present: Donna Dettling, Village Manager; Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Scott Maurer, Water and Sewer Department; Jim Seta, DAFD Fire Board, Chief Loren Yates and Jason Hilberer, DAFD; members of Boy Scout Troop 477; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting – March 10, 2014
2. Work Session – March 8, 2014

Motion Knight; support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 10, 2014 and the Work Session of March 8, 2014 as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Fisher absent.

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Carson; support Knight to approve the agenda as presented but with the addition of a closed session as Item O moving adjournment to Item P.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Fisher absent.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Action on each public hearing will be taken immediately following the close of the hearing

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. Resignation letter from Eric Bombery
4. County Clerk Change in Filing Deadline letter

I. REPORTS

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

Mr. Schlaff submits his progress report of the DPW and Water/Sewer per packet.

Mr. Schlaff gave the following updates:

- Provided more detail in his report on the DPW side and times in and out. Trying to provide hours and detail on the report.
- Did not receive the SAW Grant and was asked about the next steps in regards to what the grant would have covered.
- Digester – did get the secondary lid to float and removed 150,000 gallons of sludge. Question asked when will the project be done and Mr. Schlaff responded that they need to finish the punch list.
- Question asked as to when the streets will be swept and Mr. Schlaff responded soon as the Village had to use a lot of sand with the salt this year.
- Question asked regarding what things could be done better in the DPW and Mr. Schlaff responded that he is working on this area.
- Comments were made regarding vehicles driving on the road edges creating ruts and the amount of time spent on taking Christmas decorations down.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

Ms. Aniol submits her report as per packet and gave the following updates:

- Dexter is getting a lot of good press on the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities program and will now begin the evaluation portion of the program and Ms. Aniol explained the next steps. She also stated that we could have not done this application without the work done by the previous Community Development Manager and the work done in planning.
- Follow-ups on Council Work Session – (a) 150 Jeffords...the hurdle in this building is not having tenets as new office space rentals are depressed and may need to look at possible changes in the planned space; (b) 3045 Broad Street... the listing agent has developed a brochure and information has been sent out nationwide, may need a better brochure and talk to the realtor on how the property is listed; and (c) DTE...talking to the supervisor of the substation and more discussion to come on landscaping around the area.

- The next Business Forum with Ann Arbor Spark will be April 23 at LaFontaine's.
- Arbor Day will take place on April 25th with a tree planting in Monument park at 11 AM and seedlings to be handed out at the Dexter District Library and Dexter Mill.
- Build outs are underway at 7050 and 7093 Dexter Ann Arbor Road and MC3 has closed on the former ReCellular property.
- Working on some revised plot plan requirements for compliance.

3. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”

Dexter Area Fire Department – Jim Seta/Ray Tell

Mr. Seta submits his report as per packet and gave an overview and analysis of the department with a review of the budget, costs, service and contract. He stated that the fire department is here to protect lives and property. The DAFD did sign the CAFA agreement for the 6 most eastern sections of Lima Township and that CAFA is looking to build a sub-station on Jackson Road in Lima Township at some point this year. Questions were asked about the DAFD having a CIP program and the paid time off change to the contract. President Keough shared his concern on the escalating costs and its impact on the Village.

Gateway Initiative (Big 400) – Special Tribute/Award – Paul Cousins

The Big 400 was awarded the Governor's Award for Innovative Tourism Partner in Conservation and three weeks ago served 167 at the Maple Syrup Festival's Pancake Breakfast.

Washtenaw County Sheriff – Written Report for February 2014

Sgt. Flores submits a written report as per packet.

4. Subcommittee Reports

Facilities – Notes from 2-21-14 and 3-7-14

Roads – Summary from Work Session of 3-8-14

- A presentation to Council will occur in April

5. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. Mrs. Dettling gave the following verbal updates:

- The second goal setting session will be held on Saturday, March 29.
- Ms. Nicholls gave an update on the Plein Air event in August – the committee has been looking at more of a fund raiser for the event and would like to host a wine and cheese event in the tent in the park and will need to apply for a liquor license if council is in favor. The event will be by ticket and limited to a certain number.

- Question was raised regarding the tourism meeting and an explanation of the meeting and process was given.
- Question regarding the Central Street bid – the bids came in from the previous design and most likely be higher with the newly approved plan.

6. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition Mr. Keough reported on the following:

- Scio Township Board of Review – the board voted last week unanimously to put the Dexter Wellness Center on the tax rolls. Chelsea Wellness Foundation will have a chance to appear before the board on Tuesday, March 25 and if the decision is upheld, CWF can then go before the tax tribunal.
- Hope to have some appointments to present at the next meeting to fill vacancies.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$93,845.88
2. Consideration of: Arbor Day Proclamation
3. Consideration of: Closure of Main and Central for the Dexter Ann Arbor Run on June 1, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Motion Fisher; support Carson to approve items 1, 2 and 3 of the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Cityhood Next Steps-Charter Commission Update

Ms. Nicholls reported the following:

- Have completed the draft of the Charter and held a Public Hearing on Saturday, March 22. Once the document goes to the Attorney General we cannot make a change.
- President Keough suggested that Charter be mailed to all residents which would be a cost of about \$4000. Discussion followed and it was suggested to send a postcard to residents and businesses and give location where they can pick up a copy of the Charter.
- Discussion also included the election of the Mayor and Council Members as it currently reads in the Charter.

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Bid Award to Ann Arbor Landscaping for 2014 and 2015 Tree Purchases/Installations

Motion Tell; support Semifero based on the information provided by Ann Arbor Landscaping, and the Tree Boards recommendation, the Village Council moves to approve Ann Arbor Landscaping as the vendor of record for Spring Tree Planting for 2 years.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cousins	This Saturday (March 29) is the Rotary's scholarship fundraiser at the Encore Theatre with jazz, refreshments and auction items. 30 years ago on March 29 th , we opened Cousins Heritage Inn and happy that a business still stands on that site.
Fisher	None
Semifero	Interested in hearing more about plans on the Schultz property. In regards about the item Mr. Seta brought up regarding runs to Cedars, the Schools and the Industrial Park and that we should look at ways to control these runs.
Jones	None
Knight	None
Tell	Fire Department protocol is used when 911 receives a call in regards to a response. There needs to be a change in procedure regarding to medical only runs.
Carson	None

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

O. CLOSED SESSION

Motion Cousins; support Carson to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing union negotiations in accordance with MCL 15.268 at 9:30 PM.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to leave closed session at 10:02 PM.

Ayes: Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Knight; support Semifero to adjourn at 10:03 PM.
Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: April 14, 2014